

## **IMPORTANT**

Federal law requires that you have minimum essential coverage. You can meet this requirement by signing up for TRICARE® or by finding another option at www.healthcare.gov.

## January 1, 2014 Minimum Essential Coverage Deadline

Minimum essential coverage must be in place by January 1, 2014. This is the type of health care coverage needed to meet the individual shared responsibility requirement under the Affordable Care Act. The TRICARE program is considered minimum essential coverage. However, if you do not have TRICARE or you're losing TRICARE coverage, you must have another form of minimum essential coverage.

## WHAT DO I DO IF I DON'T HAVE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE?

If you're eligible for TRICARE, you can sign up! The TRICARE program is considered minimum essential coverage. To learn more about your TRICARE program options, visit www.tricare.mil.

If you're losing TRICARE or you are not eligible, you can find other health care coverage options at www.healthcare.gov.

## **Keep Your DEERS Information Up to Date** www.tricare.mil/deers

The Internal Revenue Service will use information from the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) to verify your coverage. It is important for sponsors to keep their information and their family members' information up to date in DEERS. It is also important to update DEERS when personal eligibility information changes including military career status and family status (e.g., marriage, divorce, birth, adoption).



For more information, visit www.tricare.mil/aca or www.tricare.mil/contacts.